

As a hard of hearing person I strongly oppose any repeal or revisions of any regulation which affects those who do not hear well. This includes regulations relating to Hearing Aid Compatibility, Telecommunications Relay Services, Digital cell TTY compatibility, Section 255 and the revoking of the exemptions of wireless telephones to the the HAC Act.

I am particularly interested in the last item. The Telephone Industry claims that there is nothing they can do to make digital cellular telephones HAC. This is not true. They can:

1. Make sure that the magnetic field generated to couple the desired audio signal to the hearing aid's telecoil is strong enough to allow use of the telecoil.
2. Eliminate or lessen to the extent it allows use of the telecoil, the undesired magnetic field generated by the varying battery current in the telephone's battery and associated wiring.
3. Work with the hearing aid industry to assure that interference generated in the hearing aid by the varying strength of the RF energy in the hearing aid's electronics is eliminated. The telephone industry has experience with radio frequency problems which the hearing aid industry does not have.

In my comments, reply comments and ex parte communications to WT Docket 01-309 I discussed solutions which if utilized would make digital cell telephones useable with hearing aids.

Sincerely,  
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